

and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 112–411, Pt. 1). **Page H1303**

Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act: The House passed H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, by a recorded vote of 390 ayes to 23 noes, Roll No. 110. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 7th. **Pages H1277–85, H1285–89**

Rejected the Eshoo motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 109. **Pages H1287–88**

Agreed to:

McHenry amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that, with respect to Rule 506 of Regulation D, provides an exemption from registration as a broker or dealer for trading platforms that do not charge a fee in connection with the purchase or sale of the security or permit general solicitations, general advertisements, or similar or related activities by issuers of such securities. Also enables the marketing of private shares to accredited investors through platforms; **Pages H1277–78**

Miller (NC) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that increases the total number of investors and limits the number of non-accredited investors allowed to be holders of record before registration is required; **Pages H1278–79**

Schweikert amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that authorizes the Securities and Exchange Commission to study whether or not it has the authority to enforce anti-evasion provisions associated with the shareholder threshold; and **Pages H1279–80**

Loeb sack amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that requires information to be made available online, and outreach to be conducted to small and medium-sized businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and minority-owned businesses to inform them about changes put in place by this legislation. **Pages H1284–85**

Rejected:

Capuano amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that sought to require the SEC to conduct a study to address anti-evasion concerns and determine if the term “held of record” should mean beneficial owner of the security; **Pages H1280–81**

Peters amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that sought to require publicly traded companies to disclose on an annual basis the total number of employees they have in each country and the percentage increase or decrease in employment in

each country (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 107); and **Pages H1281–82, H1285–86**

Capps amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–409) that sought to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue a report to the Congress one year after enactment on the increase in initial public offerings that resulted from the act, including specific increases in filings by manufacturing and high-technology companies (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 108). **Pages H1282–84, H1286–87**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H1289**

H. Res. 572, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 7th.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m. **Page H1285**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 16th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19th. **Page H1289**

President’s Export Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the President’s Export Council: Representatives Reichert, Gerlach, Tiberi, Sutton, and Linda Sánchez (CA). **Page H1291**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1285.

Senate Referral: S. 1855 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1286, H1286–87, H1288, and H1288–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Defense Health Program Budget. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the Army; Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy; and Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request, Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, Department of Agriculture; Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from John Morton, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ARMY AND MARINE CORPS GROUND SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps ground system modernization programs. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, U.S. Marine Corps; Brigadier General Frank L. Kelley, USMC, Commander, Systems Command, U.S. Marine Corps; and William E. Taylor, Program Executive Officer for Land Systems.

REDUCTIONS IN OVERSEAS BASES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on request for authorization of another BRAC round and additional reductions in overseas bases. Testimony was heard from Brian Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities Assessment, Government Accountability Office.

NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for national security space activities. Testimony was heard from General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Gil I. Klinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space and Intelligence; Gregory L. Schulte, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space Policy; and Betty J. Sapp, Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

BUDGET COMMITTEE—MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Members' Day". Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "The FY 2013 DOE Budget". Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION USER FEES 2012

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "FDA User Fees 2012: Hearing on Issues Related to Accelerated Approval, Medical Gas, Antibiotic Development and Downstream Pharmaceutical Supply Chain". Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

ELIMINATING WASTE, FRAUD, ABUSE, AND DUPLICATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled "Eliminating Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Duplication in the Department of Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from James Gilmore III, Congressional Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2299, the "Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effects of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, Safety, and Deficit Reduction”. Testimony was heard from Tommy Beaudreau, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; James Watson, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environment; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 752, the “Molalla River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 1415, the “Chetco River Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 3377, the “Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3436, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, and to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei and DeFazio; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Jim Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witness.

FOOD STAMP FRAUD AS A BUSINESS MODEL: USDA’S STRUGGLE TO POLICE STORE OWNERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Food Stamp Fraud as a Business Model: USDA’s Struggle to Police Store Owners”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; Kenya Mann Faulkner, Inspector General, Pennsylvania Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “NSF Major Research Equipment and Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Cora Marrett, Deputy Director, National Science

Foundation; Jose-Marie Griffiths, Chairman, Subcommittee on Facilities, National Science Board; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Bryant University; and public witnesses.

ARE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS IMPEDING SMALL ENERGY PRODUCERS AND HARMING ENERGY SECURITY?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Powering Down: Are Government Regulations Impeding Small Energy Producers and Harming Energy Security?”. Testimony was heard from Marie Johns, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 2903, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 4097, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2012”; and H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse”. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 4097; H.R. 2903; H.R. 3556; Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee; and GSA Resolutions.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3329, to amend title 38 United States Code to extend the eligibility period for veterans to enroll in certain vocational rehabilitation programs; H.R. 3483, the “Veterans Education Equity Act of 2011”; H.R. 3610, “Streamlining Workforce Development Programs Act of 2011”; H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; H.R. 3524, the “Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act”; H.R. 4048, the “Improving Contracting Opportunities for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Act of 2012”; H.R. 4051, the “TAP Modernization Act of 2012”; H.R. 4052, the “Recognizing Excellence in Veterans Education Act of 2012”; H.R. 4057, the “Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

AN UPDATE ON OUR NATIONAL CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Honoring America's Fallen Heroes: An Update on our National Cemeteries". Testimony was heard from Steven Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kathryn Condon, Executive Director of Army National Cemeteries Program, Department of Defense; Raymond Wollman, Deputy Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission Courthouse; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 452, the "Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

COMMITTEE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR FY 2013

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a markup of Committee Views and

Estimates on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The letter was approved.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 9, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.